

HOUSE RESOLUTION 148

By McKee

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Carolyn Hobbs on her election as Governor of Tennessee District of Pilot International.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Carolyn Hobbs of Athens, Tennessee, who was recently elected Governor of the Tennessee District of Pilot International; and

WHEREAS, Pilot International is a volunteer service organization founded in 1921 comprised of business and professional leaders who share a common desire to help people in need and make the world a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, there are over 25,000 total members of Pilot International around the globe in countries such as the Bahamas, Bangladesh, Bermuda, Canada, Japan, Singapore, South Africa and the United States; and

WHEREAS, Pilot International has focused since 1991 on helping people affected by brain-related disorders by supporting such programs as BrainMinders, Brain Awareness Week, Pilot Walk, the National Organization on Disabilities and the Brain Matters Stroke Initiative; and

WHEREAS, on April 26, 2003, Carolyn Hobbs was installed as Governor of the Tennessee District of Pilot International at the annual convention in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn has previously served as District Appointee, Lt. Governor and Governor-Elect of the Tennessee District of Pilot International since joining the Luncheon Pilot Club of Athens in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn, the daughter of Allen and Shirley Jewell, was born in Dayton, Tennessee, on January 16, 1952; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Bryan College with a degree in Elementary Education, Mrs. Hobbs has taught at several educational settings including a Bible Institute in France, Spivey Elementary School in Dayton, Tennessee, and Brainerd Baptist School; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Carolyn Hobbs became Director of North Etowah Baptist Weekday Pre-School in Etowah; during her tenure there she established the McMinn County Association for the Education of Young Children to assist local preschool and daycare workers in obtaining their continuing education requirements; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, she and her husband, Larry Hobbs, purchased Laycock-Hobbs Funeral Home; in 1992 Carolyn received her funeral director's license and now works alongside her husband; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her volunteer services with Pilot International, Mrs. Hobbs has taught seminars on handling grief effectively, assisted with a monthly community grief support group and taught classes for young mothers at Full Circle Pregnancy Resource Center along with teaching Sunday School classes for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Hobbs epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hobbs is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband Larry Hobbs and their daughters, Kimberly and Andrea; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Carolyn Hobbs for her dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Carolyn Hobbs on her election as Governor of the Tennessee District of Pilot International and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.